

LENT

1. It is strongly recommended that the tradition of gathering the local Church after the fashion of the Roman "stations" be kept and promoted, especially during Lent and at least in larger towns and cities and in a way best suited to individual places.

Such gatherings of the faithful can take place, especially with the chief Pastor of the diocese presiding, on Sundays or on other more convenient days during the week, either at the tombs of the Saints, or in the principal churches or shrines of a city, or even in the more frequently visited places of pilgrimage in the diocese.

If a procession precedes a Mass celebrated for such a gathering, according to circumstances and local conditions, the faithful assemble at a smaller church or other suitable place outside the church to which the procession will head.

After the greeting of the people, the Priest says a Collect of the mystery of the Holy Cross (cf. below, pp. 000-000), for the remission of sins (cf. below, pp. 000-000), or for the Church, especially the local Church (cf. below, pp. 000-000), or one of the Prayers over the People. Then the procession sets off to the church in which Mass will be celebrated and meanwhile the Litany of the Saints is sung. Invocations to the Patron Saint or the Founder Saint and to the Saints of the local Church may be inserted at the appropriate point in the Litany.

When the procession reaches the church, the Priest venerates the altar and, if appropriate, incenses it. Afterwards, omitting the Introductory Rites and, if appropriate, the Kyrie, he says the Collect of the Mass, and then continues the Mass in the usual way.

2. At these gatherings, instead of Mass, some celebration of the Word of God may also take place, especially in the form of the penitential celebrations given in the Roman Ritual for Lent.

3. On weekdays of Lent, at the end of Mass and before the final blessing, the Prayer over the People indicated for each day may appropriately be used.

4. During Lent, it is not permitted to decorate the altar with flowers, and the use of musical instruments is allowed only so as to support the singing. Nevertheless, Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts are exceptions to this rule.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

In the course of today's Mass, ashes are blessed and imposed. These are made from the olive branches or branches of other trees that were blessed the previous year.

### Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 11:24-25, 27

You are merciful to all, O Lord,  
and despise nothing that you have made.  
You overlook the sins of man, to bring them to repentance,  
for you are the Lord our God.

The Penitential Act is omitted, and the Imposition of Ashes takes its place.

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting  
this campaign of Christian service,  
so that as we take up battle against spiritual evils,  
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.  
Through our Lord.

### Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

After the Homily, the Priest, standing with hands joined, says:  
Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly ask God our Father  
that he be pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace  
these ashes which we will put on our heads in penitence.

After a brief prayer in silence, and, with hands extended, he continues:

O God, who are moved by acts of humility  
and respond with forgiveness to works of penance,  
lend your merciful ear to our prayers,  
and in your kindness pour out the grace of your ✠ blessing  
on your servants who are marked with these ashes,  
that as they follow the Lenten observances,  
they may be worthy to come with minds made pure  
to celebrate the paschal mystery of your Son.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

Or:

O God, who desire not the death of sinners  
but their conversion,  
mercifully hear our prayers,  
and in your kindness be pleased to bless ✠ these ashes,  
which we intend to receive upon our heads,  
that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes  
and shall return to dust,  
may, through a steadfast observance of Lent,  
gain pardon for sins and newness of life  
after the likeness of your Risen Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
R/. Amen.

He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, saying nothing.

Then the Priest places ashes on all present, who come to him, and says to each one:  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Or:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Meanwhile, the following are sung:

#### Antiphon 1

Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes,  
let us fast and weep before the Lord,  
that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive us our sins.

#### Antiphon 2

Cf. Jl 2:17; Est C:20

Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD,  
stand between the porch and the altar and weep and cry out:  
Spare, O LORD, spare your people;  
do not close the mouths of those who sing your praise, O LORD.

#### Antiphon 3

Ps 50:3

Blot out my transgressions, O LORD.

This may be repeated after each verse of Psalm 50, Have mercy on me, O God.

#### Responsory

Cf. Bar 3:2; Ps 78:9

R/. Let us correct our faults which we have committed in ignorance, let us  
not be taken unawares by the day of our death, looking in vain for leisure  
to repent. \* Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy, for we have sinned  
against you.

V. Help us, O God our Savior; for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us  
free. \* Hear us, O Lord...

Another appropriate chant may also be sung.

After the imposition of ashes, the Priest washes his hands and proceeds to the Universal Prayer, and continues the Mass in the usual way.

The Creed is not said.

### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Prayer over the Offerings

As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent  
we entreat you, O Lord,  
that through works of penance and charity  
we may turn away from harmful pleasures,  
and cleansed from our sins, may become worthy  
to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface III or IV of Lent, pp. 000-000.

#### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 1:2-3

The one who ponders the law of the Lord day and night  
yields fruit in due season.

#### Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received  
sustain us, O Lord,  
that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you  
and be for us a healing remedy. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Prayer over the People

For the dismissal, the Priest stands facing the people and, extending his hands over them, says this prayer:

Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God,  
on those who bow before your majesty,  
and by your mercy  
may they merit the rewards  
you promise to those who do penance.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The blessing and imposition of ashes may also take place outside Mass. In this case, the rite is preceded by a Liturgy of the Word, with the Entrance Antiphon, the Collect, and the readings with their chants as at Mass. Then there follow the Homily and the blessing and imposition of ashes. The rite is concluded with the Universal Prayer, the Blessing, and the Dismissal of the faithful.

## Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 54:17-20, 23

When I cried to the LORD, he heard my voice;  
he rescued me from those who attack me.  
Entrust your cares to the LORD, and he will support you.

Collect

Prompt our actions with your inspiration, we pray, O Lord,  
and further them with your constant help,  
that all we do may always begin from you  
and by you be brought to completion.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Regard with favor, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings we set upon this sacred altar,  
that, bestowing on us your pardon,  
our oblations may give honor to your Name.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 50:12

Create a pure heart for me, O God;  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the blessing of your heavenly gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, almighty God,  
that they may always be for us  
a source both of pardon and of salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Almighty God, who have made known to your people  
the pathways to eternal life,  
lead it along them, we pray,  
to you, the unfading light.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday after Ash Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 29:11

The LORD heard and had mercy on me;  
the LORD became my helper.

Collect

Show gracious favor, O Lord, we pray,  
to the works of penance we have begun,  
that we may have strength to accomplish with sincerity  
the bodily observances we undertake.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer, O Lord, the sacrifice of our Lenten observance,  
praying that it may make our intentions acceptable to you  
and add to our powers of self-restraint.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 24:4

O LORD, make me know your ways,  
teach me your paths.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,  
that through partaking of this mystery,  
we may be cleansed of all our misdeeds,  
and so be suited for the remedies of your compassion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

For your mighty deeds, O God of mercy,  
may your people offer endless thanks,  
and, by observing the age-old disciplines  
along its pilgrim journey,  
may it merit to come and behold you for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 68:17

Answer us, LORD, for your mercy is kind;  
in the abundance of your mercies, look upon us.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
look with compassion on our weakness  
and ensure us your protection  
by stretching forth the right hand of your majesty.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord,  
the sacrifice of conciliation and praise,  
and grant that cleansed by its working,  
we may offer minds well pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 9:13

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord.  
for I came to call not the just but sinners.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with the gift of heavenly life,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that what remains for us a mystery in this present life  
may be for us a help to reach eternity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Abide graciously, O Lord, with your people  
who have touched the sacred mysteries,  
that no dangers may bring affliction  
to those who trust in you, their protector.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Sunday the rite of “election” or “enrollment of names” for the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil is celebrated with proper prayers and intercessions as given below, pp. 000–000.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,  
to make these offerings,  
for with them we celebrate the beginning  
of this venerable and sacred time.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Temptation of the Lord.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

By abstaining forty long days from earthly food  
he consecrated by his fast  
the pattern of our Lenten observance,  
and by overturning all the snares of the ancient serpent  
taught us to cast out the leaven of malice,  
so that, celebrating worthily the paschal mystery,  
we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,  
as we sing the hymn of your praise,  
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Or:

Cf. Ps 90:4

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will trust.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread  
that nourishes faith, inspires hope,  
and deepens charity,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,  
the true and living Bread  
and strive to live by every word  
which comes to us from your mouth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,  
come down upon your people,  
that hope may grow in tribulation,  
virtue be seasoned in temptation,  
and eternal redemption be assured.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Monday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 122:2-3

Like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords,  
so our eyes are on the LORD our God, till he show us his mercy.  
Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy.

### Collect

Convert us, O God our Savior,  
and instruct our minds by heavenly teaching  
that we may benefit from the works of Lent.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May this devout oblation be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
that by your power it may sanctify our manner of life  
and gain for us your conciliation and pardon.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 25:40, 34

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers,  
you did for me, says the Lord.

Come, you blessed of my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

### Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord, that in receiving your Sacrament  
we may experience help in mind and body  
so that, kept safe in both,  
we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Enlighten the minds of your people, Lord, we pray,  
with the light of your glory,  
that they may see what must be done  
and have the strength to do what is right.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 89:1-2

O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation; from age to age, you are.

### Collect

Look upon your family, Lord,  
that through the chastening effects of bodily discipline,  
our minds may be radiant in your presence  
with the strength of our yearning for you.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Creator, almighty God,  
what we bring from your bountiful goodness,  
and be pleased to transform  
this temporal sustenance you have given us,  
that it may bring us eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 4:2

When I called, the God of justice gave me answer;  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!

### Prayer after Communion

Grant us through these mysteries, Lord,  
that by tempering earthly desires  
we may learn to love the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

May your faithful be strengthened,  
O God, by your blessing:  
in grief, may you be their consolation,  
in tribulation, their power to endure,  
and in peril, their protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:6, 2, 22

Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love,  
for they are from of old.

Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

### Collect

Look kindly, Lord, we pray,  
on the devotion of your people,  
that those who by self-denial are restrained in body  
may by the fruit of good works be renewed in mind.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

We offer to you, O Lord, what you have given  
to be dedicated to your name  
that just as for our benefit you make these gifts a Sacrament,  
so let them become for us a eternal remedy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 5:12

All who take refuge in you shall be glad,  
O Lord, and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.

### Prayer after Communion

O God, who never cease to nourish us by your Sacrament,  
grant that the refreshment you give us through it  
may bring us unending life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Watch over your people, Lord,  
and in your kindness, cleanse them from all sins,  
for if evil has no dominion over them  
no trial can do them harm.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 5:2-3

To my words give ear, O LORD; give heed to my sighs.  
Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.

### Collect

Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord,  
a spirit of always pondering on what is right  
and of hastening to carry it out,  
and since without you we cannot exist  
may we be enabled to live according to your will.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be merciful, O Lord,  
to those who approach you in supplication,  
and, accepting the oblations and prayers of your people,  
turn the hearts of us all towards you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 7:8

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

### Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord our God,  
that, as you have given these most sacred mysteries  
to be the safeguard of our salvation  
so you may make them a healing remedy for us  
both now and in time to come.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

May the mercy they have hoped for, O Lord,  
come to those who make supplication to you,  
and may the riches of heaven be given them,  
that they may know what it is right to ask  
and receive what they have sought.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:17-18

Set me free from my distress, O Lord.

See my lowliness and suffering, and take away all my sins.

### Collect

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, we pray,  
may be so conformed to the paschal observances,  
that the bodily discipline now solemnly begun  
may bear fruit in the souls of all.

Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept the sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
by which in your power and kindness  
you willed us to be reconciled to yourself  
and our salvation to be restored.

Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Ez 33:11

As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he turn back and live.

### Prayer after Communion

May the holy refreshment of your Sacrament  
restore us anew, O Lord,  
and, cleansing us of old ways,  
take us up into the mystery of salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Look with favor on your people, O Lord,  
that what their observance outwardly declares  
it may inwardly bring about.

Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 18:8

The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

Collect

Turn our hearts to you, eternal Father,  
and grant that, seeking always the one thing necessary  
and carrying out works of charity,  
we may be dedicated to your worship.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these blessed mysteries  
by which we are restored, O Lord,  
we pray, make us worthy of the gift they bestow.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:48

Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Show unceasing favor, O Lord,  
to those you refresh with this divine mystery,  
and accompany with salutary consolations  
those you have imbued with heavenly teaching.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

May the blessing for which they have longed  
strengthen your faithful, O God,  
so that, never straying from your will,  
they may always rejoice in your benefits.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.

It is your face, O LORD, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Or:

Cf. Ps 24:6, 2, 22

Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us  
to listen to your beloved Son,  
be pleased to nourish us inwardly by your word,  
that with spiritual sight made pure  
we may rejoice to behold your glory.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse us of our faults  
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind  
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Transfiguration of the Lord.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death,  
on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory,  
to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets,  
that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,  
we worship you constantly on earth,  
and before your majesty  
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,  
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,  
for allowing us while still on earth  
to be partakers even now in the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,  
with a blessing that endures for ever,  
and keep them faithful  
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that they may always desire and at last attain  
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body  
to the amazement of his Apostles.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 25:11-12

Redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me.

My foot stands on level ground: I will bless the LORD in the assembly.

Collect

O God, who have taught us  
to chasten our bodies  
for the healing of our souls,  
enable us, we pray, to abstain from all sins  
and strengthen our hearts  
to carry out your loving commands.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in your goodness these our prayers, O Lord,  
and set free from worldly attractions  
those you allow to serve the heavenly mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 6:36

Be merciful as your Father is merciful, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May this Communion, O Lord,  
cleanse us of wrongdoing  
and make us heirs to the joy of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Confirm the hearts of your faithful, O Lord, we pray,  
and strengthen them by the power of your grace,  
that they may be constant in making supplication to you  
and sincere in mutual love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 12:4-5

Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death;  
lest my enemy say, I have overcome him.

### Collect

Guard your Church, we pray,  
in your unceasing mercy, O Lord,  
and since without you mortal humanity is sure to fall,  
may we be kept by your constant helps from all harm  
and directed to all that brings salvation.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased to work your sanctification within us,  
by means of these mysteries, O Lord,  
for by it we are cleansed of earthly faults  
and led to the gifts of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders.  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

### Prayer after Communion

May the refreshment of this sacred table,  
O Lord, we pray,  
bring us an increase in devoutness of life  
and the constant help of your work of conciliation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Graciously hear the cries of your faithful, O Lord,  
and relieve the weariness of their souls,  
that having received your forgiveness,  
they may ever rejoice in your blessing.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O LORD! My God, be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

### Collect

Keep your family, O Lord,  
schooled always in good works,  
and so comfort them with your protection here  
as to lead them graciously to gifts on high.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look on with favor, Lord,  
the sacrificial gifts we offer you,  
and by this holy exchange  
undo the bonds of our sins.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 20:28

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that what you have given us  
as the pledge of immortality  
may work for our eternal salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Bestow upon your servants, Lord,  
abundance of grace and protection,  
grant health of mind and body,  
grant fullness of fraternal charity,  
and make them always devoted to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 138:23-24

Test me, O God, and know my thoughts.

See that my path is not wicked, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Collect

O God, who delight in innocence and restore it,  
direct the hearts of your servants to yourself,  
that, caught up in the fire of your Spirit,  
we may be found steadfast in faith  
and effective in works.

Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

By this present sacrifice, we pray, O Lord,  
sanctify our observance,  
that what Lenten discipline outwardly declares  
it may inwardly bring about.

Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:1

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.

Prayer after Communion

May this sacrifice, O God,  
remain active in its effects  
and work ever more strongly within us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Abide with your servants, O Lord,  
who implore the help of your grace,  
that they may receive from you  
the support and guidance of your protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:2, 5

In you, O LORD, I have hoped. Let me never be put to shame.  
Release me from the snare they have hidden for me,  
for you indeed are my refuge.

### Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, purifying us by the sacred practice of penance,  
you may lead us in sincerity of heart  
to attain the holy things to come.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May your merciful grace prepare your servants, O God,  
for the worthy celebration of these mysteries,  
and lead them to it by a devout way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 4:10

God loved us, and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

### Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal salvation,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we may set our course so well  
as to attain the redemption you promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant your people, O Lord, we pray,  
health of mind and body,  
that by constancy in good deeds  
it may always merit the defense of your protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 144:8-9

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

Collect

O God, who grant us  
by glorious healing remedies while still on earth,  
to be partakers of the things of heaven,  
guide us, we pray, through this present life,  
and bring us to that light in which you dwell.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through these sacred gifts, we pray, O Lord,  
may our redemption yield its fruits,  
restraining us from unruly desires  
and leading us onward to the gifts of salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 15:32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead  
and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Prayer after Communion

May your divine Sacrament, O Lord,  
which we have received,  
fill the inner depths of our heart  
and by its working mightily within us make us  
partakers of its grace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

May the ears of your mercy be open, O Lord,  
to the prayers of those who call upon you  
and that you may grant what they desire,  
have them ask what is pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Sunday the first scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil is celebrated with the proper prayers and intercessions as given below, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the LORD,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Or:

Cf. Ez 36:23-26

When I prove my holiness among you,  
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;  
and I will pour clean water upon you  
and cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,  
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving  
have shown us a remedy for sin,  
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,  
that we who are bowed down by our conscience  
may always be lifted up by your mercy.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,  
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins  
may take care to forgive our neighbor.  
Through Christ our Lord.

When the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is not read, Preface I or II of Lent, pp. 000-000 is used.

Preface: The Samaritan Woman.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink,  
he had already created the gift of faith within her  
and so ardently did he thirst for her faith,  
that he kindled in her the fire of divine love.

And so we, too, give you thanks  
and with the Angels  
praise your mighty deeds, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

When the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is read:

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

When another Gospel is read:

Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest  
where she sets her young:

your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge  
of things yet hidden in heaven,  
and are nourished while still on earth  
with the Bread that comes from on high,  
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,  
that what is being brought about in us in mystery  
may find completion in our deeds.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,  
and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:  
that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor,  
they may fulfill the whole of your commands.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Monday**

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83:3

My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.

## Collect

May your unfailing compassion, O Lord,  
cleanse and protect your Church,  
and since without you she cannot stand secure,  
may she be always governed by your grace.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

May what we offer you, O Lord,  
in token of our service,  
be transformed by you  
into the sacrament of salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

## Communion Antiphon

Ps 116:1, 2

O praise the LORD, all you nations,  
for his merciful love towards us is great.

## Prayer after Communion

May communion in this your Sacrament,  
we pray, O Lord,  
bring with it purification  
and the unity that is your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer over the People

for optional use

May your right hand, we ask, O Lord,  
protect this people that makes entreaty to you:  
graciously purify them and give them instruction,  
that finding solace in this life,  
they may reach the good things to come.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### Collect

May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray,  
but make us dedicated to your holy service  
and obtain us your help at all times.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that this saving sacrifice  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and become an oblation  
pleasing to your almighty power.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 14:1-2

LORD, who may abide in your tent, and dwell on your holy mountain?  
Whoever walks without fault and does what is just.

### Prayer after Communion

May the holy partaking of this mystery  
give us life, O Lord, we pray,  
and grant us both pardon and protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

O God, founder and ruler of your people,  
drive away the sins that assail them,  
that they may always be pleasing to you  
and ever safe under your protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:133

Let my steps be guided by your promise; may evil never rule me.

### Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that, schooled through Lenten observance  
and nourished by your word,  
through holy restraint  
we may be devoted to you with all our heart  
and be ever united in prayer.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the prayers of your people  
along with these sacrificial offerings,  
and defend those who celebrate your mysteries  
from every kind of danger.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly banquet at which we have been fed,  
sanctify us, O Lord,  
and cleansing us of all errors,  
make us worthy of your promises from on high.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Give to your people, our God,  
a resolve that is pleasing to you,  
for by conforming them to your teachings,  
you bestow on them every favor.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
In whatever tribulation they will call out to me,  
I will heal them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### Collect

We implore your majesty most humbly, O Lord,  
that as the feast day of our salvation draws ever closer,  
so we may press forward all the more eagerly  
towards the worthy celebration of the paschal mystery.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Cleanse your people, Lord, we pray,  
from every taint of wickedness,  
that their gifts may be pleasing to you,  
and do not let them cling to false joys,  
for you promise the rewards of your truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,  
those you renew with this Sacrament,  
that we may come to possess your salvation  
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

We call on your loving kindness  
and trust in your mercy, O Lord,  
that since we have from you all that we are,  
through your grace we may seek what is right  
and have strength to do the good we desire.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 85:8, 10

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,  
for you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

### Collect

Pour your grace into our hearts, we pray, O Lord,  
that we may be constantly drawn away from unruly desires  
and obey by your own gift the heavenly teaching you give us.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, we pray, Lord,  
on the offerings we dedicate,  
that they may be pleasing in your sight  
and always be salutary for us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mk 12:33

To love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself,  
is worth more than any sacrifice.

### Prayer after Communion

May your strength be at work in us, O Lord,  
pervading our minds and bodies,  
that what we have partaken of here  
we may possess in the fullness of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Look graciously, O Lord,  
upon the faithful who implore your mercy,  
that trusting in your kindness  
they may spread far and wide  
the gifts your charity has bestowed.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 102:2-3

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits;  
it is he who forgives all your sins.

Collect

Rejoicing in this annual celebration  
of our Lenten observance,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that, with our hearts set on the paschal mysteries,  
we may be gladdened by their full effects.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, by whose grace it comes to pass  
that we may approach your mysteries  
with minds made pure,  
grant, we pray,  
that in reverently handing them on  
we may offer you homage that is fitting.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 18:13

The tax collector stood at a distance, beating his breast and saying:  
O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Prayer after Communion

May we truly revere, O merciful God,  
these holy gifts by which you ceaselessly nourish us,  
and may we always partake of them  
with abundant faith in our heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Hold out to your faithful people, Lord,  
the right hand of heavenly assistance,  
that they may seek you with all their heart  
and merit the granting of what they ask.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In this Mass, the color violet or rose is used. Instrumental music is permitted, and the altar may be decorated with flowers.

On this Sunday the second scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil is celebrated with the proper prayers and intercessions as given below, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning;

exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile in a wonderful way the human race to yourself,  
grant that the Christian people, we pray,  
may hasten with prompt devotion and eager faith  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

We lay before you with joy these offerings, O Lord,  
which will bring eternal remedy,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

When the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is not read, Preface I or II of Lent, pp. 000-000, is used.

Preface: The Man Born Blind.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

By the mystery of the Incarnation  
he has led the human race that walked in darkness  
into the radiance of the faith  
and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin  
through the waters of regeneration  
to make them your adopted children.

Therefore all creatures of heaven and earth  
sing a new song in adoration,  
and we, with all the host of Angels,  
cry out and without end acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

When the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is read:

Cf. Jn 9:11

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went away and I washed,  
and I could see; and I believed in God.

When the Gospel of the Prodigal Son is read:

Lk 15:32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead  
and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

When another Gospel is read:

Cf. Ps 121:3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
to praise the name of the LORD.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray,  
with the splendor of your grace,  
that we may always ponder  
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,  
and sustain the weak;  
give life by your ever-living light  
to those who walk in the shadow of death,  
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil  
to reach the highest good.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:7-8

As for me, I trust in the LORD.

Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy,  
for you have seen my affliction.

Collect

O God, who renew the world  
through mysteries beyond all telling,  
grant, we pray,  
that your Church may be guided by your eternal design  
and not be deprived of your help in this present age.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May we receive O Lord, we pray,  
the effects of this offering dedicated to you,  
so that, we may be cleansed from old earthly ways,  
and be renewed by growth in heavenly life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Ez 36:27

I will place my spirit within you and make you walk according to my laws;  
and my judgments you shall keep and observe, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May your holy gifts, O Lord, we pray,  
give us life by making us new  
and by sanctifying us lead us  
to things eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Renew your people within and without, O Lord,  
and since it is your will  
that they be unhindered by bodily delights  
give them, we pray,  
perseverance in their spiritual intent.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 55:1

All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord.  
Though you have no money, come and drink with joy.

### Collect

May the venerable exercises of holy devotion  
shape the hearts of your faithful, O Lord,  
to welcome worthily the paschal mystery  
and proclaim the praises of your salvation.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

We offer to you, O Lord,  
these gifts you yourself have bestowed;  
may they attest to your care as creator  
for this our mortal life,  
and effect in us the healing  
that brings us immortality.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

### Prayer after Communion

Purify our minds, O Lord, we pray,  
and renew them with this heavenly Sacrament,  
that we may find help for our bodies now  
and likewise in times to come.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant, O merciful God,  
that your people may remain always devoted to you  
and may constantly receive from your kindness  
whatever is for their good.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 68:14

I pray to you, O LORD, for a time of your favor.  
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,  
with your salvation that never fails.

### Collect

O God, who reward the merits of the just  
and offer pardon to sinners who do penance,  
have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you,  
that the confession of our guilt  
may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
mercifully wipe away what is old in us,  
and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Jn 3:17

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

### Prayer after Communion

May your heavenly gifts, O Lord, we pray,  
which you bestow as a heavenly remedy on your people,  
not bring judgment to those who receive them.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

May your servants be shielded, O Lord,  
by the protection of your loving-kindness,  
that, doing what is good in this world,  
they may reach you, their highest good.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the LORD rejoice.

Turn to the LORD and be strengthened; constantly seek his face.

### Collect

We invoke your mercy in humble prayer, O Lord,  
that you may cause us, your servants,  
corrected by penance and schooled by good works,  
to persevere sincerely in your commands  
and come safely to the paschal festivities.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that what we offer in sacrifice  
may cleanse us in our frailty from every evil,  
and always grant us your protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

Jer 31:33

I will place my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people, says the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

May this Sacrament we have received  
purify us, we pray, O Lord;  
and grant your servants freedom from all blame,  
that those bound by a guilty conscience  
may glory in fullness of heavenly remedy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

O God, protector of all who hope in you,  
bless your people, keep them safe,  
defend them, prepare them,  
that, free from sin and safe from the enemy,  
they may persevere always in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 53:3-4

O God, save me by your name; by your power, defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Collect

O God, who have prepared  
fitting helps for us in our weakness,  
grant, we pray, that we may receive  
their healing effects with joy,  
and reflect them in a holy way of life.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, almighty God,  
cleanse us by its mighty power,  
and lead us to approach its source  
with ever greater purity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Eph 1:7

In Christ, we have redemption by his blood, and forgiveness of our sins,  
in accord with the riches of his grace.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that as we pass from old to new  
so, with former ways left behind,  
we may be made new in holiness of mind.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Look upon your servants, O Lord,  
and in your goodness  
protect with heavenly assistance  
those who trust in your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## Saturday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17:5, 7

The waves of death rose about me; the snares of the grave surrounded me.  
In my anguish I called to the LORD; from his temple he heard my voice.

### Collect

May the working of your mercy, O Lord, we pray,  
direct our hearts aright,  
for without your grace  
we cannot find favor in your sight.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, we pray,  
with these oblations you receive from our hands,  
and even when our wills are defiant  
constrain them mercifully to turn to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Lent, pp. 000-000.

### Communion Antiphon

1 Pt 1:19

By the precious blood of Christ,  
the blood of a spotless and unblemished Lamb,  
we have been redeemed.

### Prayer after Communion

May your holy gifts purify us,  
O Lord, we pray,  
and by their action render us  
fully pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Look upon your people, O Lord,  
and as they draw near to the coming festivities,  
bestow upon them abundance of heavenly grace  
that, helped by tangible consolations,  
they may be impelled more readily  
towards the good things they cannot see.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed, if the Conference of Bishops so decides. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

On this Sunday the third scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil is celebrated with the proper prayers and intercessions as given below, pp. 000-000.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Hear our prayers, almighty God,  
and having imbued your servants  
with the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously cleanse them by this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.

When the Gospel of Lazarus is not read, Preface I or II of Lent, pp. 000-000, is used.

Preface: Lazarus.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend  
and as eternal God raised him from the tomb,  
just as, taking pity on the human race,  
he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty  
and rejoices in your presence for ever.  
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs  
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

#### Communion Antiphon

When the Gospel of Lazarus is read:

Jn 11:26

All who live and believe in me will never die, says the Lord.

When the Gospel of the Adulterous Woman is read:

Jn 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman?

No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you.

From now on, sin no more.

When another Gospel is read:

Jn 12:24-25

Amen, amen I say to you:

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains a single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

#### Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,  
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people  
who long for the gift of your mercy,  
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire  
they may receive by your generous gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Monday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 55:2

Have mercy on me, O God, for people assail me;  
they fight me all day long and oppress me.

Collect

O God, by whose wondrous grace  
we are enriched with every blessing,  
grant us so to pass  
from former ways to newness of life  
that we may be made ready  
for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that preparing to celebrate the holy mysteries  
we may bring before you as the fruit of bodily penance  
a joyful purity of heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Chant

When the Gospel of the Adulterous Woman is read:  
Has no one condemned you, woman?  
No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you.  
From now on, sin no more.

Jn 8:10-11

When another Gospel is read:

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthened by the blessing of your Sacraments,  
we pray, O Lord, that through them we may constantly be cleansed of our  
faults  
and by following Christ, hasten our steps upward towards you.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Set free from their sins, O Lord, we pray,  
the people that calls upon you that, living a holy way of life,  
they may be kept safe from every trial.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 26:14

Wait for the LORD; be strong; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD!

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord,  
perseverance in obeying your will,  
that in our days the people dedicated to your service  
may grow in both merit and number.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  
that, being moved to compassion,  
you may both absolve our offenses  
and direct our wavering hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Jn 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw all people to myself, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that ever seeking what is divine,  
we may always be worthy  
to approach these heavenly gifts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

O God, who choose to show mercy not anger  
to those who hope in you,  
grant that your faithful may weep, as they should,  
for the evil they have done,  
and so merit the grace of your consolation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17:48-49

My deliverer from angry nations, you set me above my assailants; you saved me from the violent man, O LORD.

Collect

Enlighten, O God of compassion,  
the hearts of your children, sanctified by penance,  
and in your kindness  
grant those you stir to a sense of devotion  
a gracious hearing when they cry out to you.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive back, O Lord, these sacrificial offerings  
which you have given to be offered  
to the honor of your Name,  
and grant that they become  
remedies for our healing.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Col 1:13-14

God has brought us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer after Communion

May the mysteries we have received, O Lord,  
bring us heavenly medicine,  
that they may purge all evil from our heart  
and strengthen us with eternal protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Attend, almighty God, to the prayers of your people,  
and, as you endow them with confident hope in your compassion,  
let them feel as ever the effects of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

### Entrance Antiphon

Hb 9:15

Christ is mediator of a New Covenant, so that by means of his death,  
those who are called may receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.

### Collect

Be near, O Lord, to those who plead before you,  
and look kindly on those  
who place their hope in your mercy,  
that, cleansed from the stain of their sins,  
they may persevere in holy living  
and be made full heirs of your promise.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, Lord, we pray, on these sacrificial offerings,  
that they may profit our conversion  
and the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Rm 8:32

God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all;  
with him, he has given us all things.

### Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,  
we beseech your mercy, Lord,  
that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age  
you may make us partakers of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer over the People

for optional use

Be gracious to your people, Lord, we pray,  
that, as from day to day they reject what does not please you,  
they may be filled instead with delight at your commands.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 30:10, 16, 18

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in distress.

Deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me.

Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you.

Collect

Absolve the offenses of your peoples,

we pray, O Lord,

and in your goodness set us free

from the bonds of the sins

committed in our weakness.

Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who in this season

give your Church the grace

devoutly to imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary

in contemplating the Passion of Christ,

grant, we pray, through her intercession,

that we may cling more firmly each day

to your Only Begotten Son

and come at last to the fullness of his grace.

Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O merciful God, that we may be worthy

to serve ever fittingly at your altars,

and there to be saved by constant participation.

Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Chant

1 Pt 2:24

Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the cross,

so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds we have been healed.



## Prayer after Communion

May the unfailing protection of the sacrifice we have received  
never leave us, O Lord,  
and may it always drive far from us  
all that would do us harm.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer over the People

for optional use

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that your servants who seek the grace of your protection  
may be free from every evil  
and serve you in peace of mind.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 21:20, 7

O LORD, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me!  
For I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

Collect

O God, who have made all those reborn in Christ  
a chosen race and a royal priesthood,  
grant us, we pray, the grace  
to will and to do what you command,  
that the people called to eternal life  
may be one in the faith of their hearts  
and in the homage of their deeds.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the gifts we offer from our fasting  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, we pray,  
and that, as an expiation for our sins,  
they may make us worthy of your grace,  
and lead us to what you promise for eternity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11:52

Christ was handed over to gather into one the scattered children of God.

Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty humbly, O Lord,  
that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
you may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

for optional use

Have mercy, Lord, on your Church,  
as she brings you her supplications,  
and be attentive to those who incline their hearts before you:  
do not suffer, we pray, those you have redeemed  
by the Death of your Only Begotten Son  
to be harmed by their sins  
or weighed down by their trials.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## HOLY WEEK